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In re Patent Application of
Govil et. al.

Application No. 08/883,075

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For: ADHESIVE MIXTURE FOR
TRANSDERMAL DELIVERY OF
HIGHLY PLASTICIZING DRUGS

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Examiner: Shirlie Simon

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In complete response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 14, 1998, Applicants hereby select the "invention" of Group I including claims 1 through 28, 78 through 80, 83 and 84 drawn to adhesive compositions. That election is made, however with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search for the subject matter of the selected group of claims will necessarily require the Patent Office to consider the subject matter of the claims which have not been selected for prosecution at this time. Therefore, the field of search is coextensive and examining the remaining claims should not be unduly burdensome upon the Examiner.

Having selected the Group I invention, Applicants are also required to elect a specific species from Claim 2 for initial prosecution. Applicants thereby elect adhesive materials which are acrylics. Claim 3 therefore reads on that specific species. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for indicating, on the record, that the individual species contained in Claim 2 are patentably distinct from one another. Therefore, art which may be applicable against one species is not automatically applicable against the other species recited in Claim 2.

An Extension Petition for a one month extension of time accompanies this Reply to the Restriction Requirement. Should any fee be due and owing in this regard, the Examiner

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should charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor. Furthermore, should the Examiner have any questions with regard to the foregoing, the Examiner should contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, at (908) 654-5000.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of an allowance of all of the claims of the application as filed is respectfully requested and such actions are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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